

NEWS BRIEFS

AFSA meeting
An Air Force Sergeants Association meeting is at 11:30 a.m. today at the Cardinal Inn Dining Facility. Call Ext. 2025.

Saturday flying
The 50th Flying Training Squadron flies from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to make up hours. Call Ext. 7734.

Legal office closure
The legal office is closed Wednesday. Call Ext. 7030.

14th MSS closure
The 14th Mission Support Squadron will close at 11 a.m. Sept. 13 for a squadron function. If you require emergency assistance, please call (662) 364-2616.

Military political support
With the upcoming election period, questions arise on what active, reserve or retired military people can or can't do to support their political ideals.
Military members, active duty or retired, cannot support political candidates while in uniform or while representing themselves as military members.

This rule prevents a person's actions from possibly reflecting inappropriately on the Air Force.

Found property
The 14th Security Forces Squadron Investigation section has numerous items that have been found or turned in.
Positive identification of an item is needed to reclaim the property. Call Ext. 7125 or 7128.

Mission Report	
As of Wednesday	
T-1A	T-37
Goal: 244.0 hrs.	Goal: 304
Flown: 243.0 hrs.	Flown: 297
T-38A	T-38C
Goal: 153	Goal: 12
Flown: 170	Flown: 6



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Capt. Lee Gentile, 41st Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, inspects his parachute at life support.

Instructor pilot earns Commandant Trophy — highest

Next, Gentile's flight commander nominated him for distinguished graduate to the squadron commander.

The squadron commander then picks the number one student to represent the 31st SS against three other squadron winners for the Commandant's Trophy.

Finally Gentile was selected by four SOS board members to win the top school graduate.

He went to the Maxwell AFB, Ala., school with only thought of having fun and doing well.

"My goals were to spend as much time with my wife as possible and for my team to graduate as the number one," Gentile said.

Gentile missed one of his goals by only one position when Flight B-21

Safety campaign a success

Columbus AFB closed out the "101" Critical Days of Summer Monday with no reportable mishaps during what is normally the busiest time for safety incidents.

"The wing achieved a 100-percent reduction in reportable mishaps from last year's campaign," said Ted Zoska, 14th Flying Training Wing Ground Safety manager. "People are using the operational risk management method to determine their vulnerabilities on and off the job. This was a key factor in the team achieving a reportable mishap-free campaign."

"The wing had a very safe summer," said Col. Stephen Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "The efforts of the wing safety office, unit commanders and supervisors were outstanding. But mainly, the daily efforts of every person on Columbus AFB to put 'safety first' was what made the difference."

Zoska pointed out other factors that indicated the team was taking safety seriously. "There were no reportable private motor vehicle mishaps," he said. "This leads me to believe that our personnel planned their trips and were wearing their seatbelts. There were also no reportable on-the-job mishaps, which points to the fact that the first-line supervisors are pushing safety in the workplace and that the workers are following the rules."

"The wing's goal is to achieve *no* losses," Schmidt added. "No accidents, drug abuse or especially suicides. That is an incredibly aggressive goal, but one I know can be reached if we'll make it a priority." (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety office.)



DOD announces initiative

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced Aug. 27 that the deputy assistant to the secretary of defense for chemical and biological defense is initiating a new program to support homeland security called the Biological Defense Homeland Security Support Program.

The purpose of the program is to achieve early detection and characterization of a biological-related incident in an urban area in order to reduce casualties, minimize disruption to infrastructures and support consequence management efforts.

The program provides an integrated homeland security capability to detect, mitigate and respond to biological related incidents through enhanced biological detection capabilities and a fusion of medical surveillance systems, wide-area environmental sensors and communications systems integration.

The program consists of two separate efforts: the Biological Defense Initiative which will be executed by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and the National Capital Region demonstration to be executed by the Program Executive Office for Chemical/Biological Defense. (Courtesy of Defense Link News)

WAPS study list available

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — Promotion eligible enlisted members can now find which materials to study for the 2003 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System Catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2003 promotion tests, is now available and may be accessed via the Air Force Personnel Center web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Although WAPS Career Development Course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to eligible members by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning, enlisted personnel should check the WAPS Catalog every year to ensure they have the current references which often include non-CDC publications, said Kenneth Schwartz, chief of Air Force WAPS test management section.

WAPS CDCs will be mailed by the end of September for members testing to technical and master sergeant and October for members testing to staff sergeant. If CDCs are not received by the end of November, eligible members should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up action, said Schwartz.

Promotion testing to senior master sergeant takes place from Jan. 10 to 24, technical and master sergeant testing is from Feb. 15 to March 31 and staff sergeant testing is from May 1 to 31. (Courtesy of AFPC News)



Elizabeth Davis
The next rank up
Col. Mike Parsons (far left), 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, and Senior Master Sgt. Chris McCollor (far right), 14th Mission Support Squadron, congratulate September promotees (from left to right, back to front): to airman, Joshua Causey, 50th Flying Training Squadron; to senior airman, John Hauser, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to staff sergeant, Adam Link, 14th Contracting Squadron; to technical sergeant, Thomas Blake, 14th OSS; to airman, Nicole Paille, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; and to senior airman, Thomas Dougherty, 14th Mission Support Squadron.
Not pictured are:
To lieutenant colonel: Michael Leighton, 48th FTS
To major: Franklin Baker, 48th FTS; Harry Benham, 50th FTS; Noah Bledstein, 14th FTW; Paul Cook, 48th FTS; Sean Daugherty, 48th FTS; James Fisher, 48th FTS; Brian Henderson, 48th FTS; Jay Pallatt, 48th FTS; and James Rose, 37th FTS
To captain: Richard Morrison, 37th FTS
To first lieutenant: Eric Cannell, 48th FTS; Christopher Duffett, 48th FTS; David Lee, 48th FTS; Thomas Stewart, 14th FTW; and Scott Walker, 14th OSS
To technical sergeant: Rodney Arnold, Southwest Air Force ROTC; and John Savage, 332nd Recruiting Squadron
To staff sergeant: Cindy Dobbs, 14th Support Group; Brian Ellison, 332nd RS; and Eddy Gilder, 14th Communications Squadron
To airman first class: Shawna Rice, 14th Medical Support Squadron
To airman: Richard Brenneman, 14th OSS; and Travis Giles, 14th SPTG

Base events commemorate Sept. 11 tragedy

Ceremonies include prayer, reflection, re-enlistments

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

The chapel is hosting an “America Remembers” event at 3:30 p.m. at the chapel to mark the terrorist acts against America Sept. 11. Col. Stephen Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, will make remarks. The ceremony at the chapel “is a service of prayer, hope

and remembrance honoring the valor and patriotism of our Armed Forces,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Bruce Kite, 14th Flying Training Wing senior Protestant chaplain and ceremony project officer. “Special recognition will be given to emergency medical technicians, fire fighters and security forces of Columbus AFB,” Kite said. Additionally the chapel offers a service of prayers, scripture readings, music and slides with a theme depicting the heroism of the rescue workers and the gratitude and commitment of the nation to the military. The entire service should last about 30 to 35 minutes. The chapel provides the opportunity for the base commu-

nity and representatives from the Army, Navy and Marines to gather and recall the events of Sept. 11. “God promises to work in all things for good for those who are His called ones,” Kite said. “Though others clearly meant to do evil, we are called to find what good has resulted from the events of 9-11. That is the goal of [America Remembers].” Several Air Force members of Columbus AFB will also show their commitment by re-enlisting at 9 a.m. at Ceremonial Plaza. “What better way to show dedication to your service than by re-enlisting on Sept. 11,” said Master Sgt. Victor Tennant, 14 FTW career assistance advisor.

Exercise tests wing readiness

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

A wing exercise began Aug. 22 when the base network control center received a simulated classified warning order. It ended Aug. 28 when the last deployment chalk finished processing. The exercise ensured wing readiness and complied with command requirements of one deployment exercise per quarter and included the initial warning, preparation and movement orders, the group, unit deployment manager and individual preparation and the tasking of 83 unit type codes. “We chose this particular type of exercise based on real-world events that signified a potential need for force buildup,” said Lt. Col. Eric Leininger, 14th Flying Training Wing Exercise Evaluation Team chief. “Columbus AFB deployment-eligible personnel have increased approximately 365 percent over the last 18 months.” The simulated scenario included receiving a message from Air Education and Training Command Headquarters requiring a pyramid recall as well as the need to upgrade to Force Protection

Condition Bravo and Information Condition Delta due to an increased threat to wing resources and information systems. Leininger praised Columbus AFB’s response to the exercise. “Overall, this exercise revealed the continuing ‘can-do’ spirit of many of our Columbus AFB BLAZE team, both those in uniform and our civilians as well,” he said. “We can all use these types of exercises to help improve our processes and to focus our preparation for future threats. “We challenged a lot of people to do a lot and work long hours,” he added. “We just want to make sure people get their things in order, because you never know when you’re going to deploy. You’ve got to be ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.” “The processing was OK,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Grey, 14th Security Forces Squadron. “I think the timing was a little confusing; we didn’t really know where to be or the time we were supposed to be there. “Besides that, it went smoothly,” Grey added. “Everyone was very helpful in making sure we were all ready to go.”



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Daisy Jones with son Quinten, age 2, and Joann Allen with granddaughter Reagan, age 14 months, participate in “Kindermusik” at the youth center.

‘Kindermusik’ opens at center

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

A free session of “Kindermusik” was offered from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the youth center to introduce children and parents to the program. The music-based class is open to ages 18 months to three years old. “The class gives children a way to experience music in a fun setting,” said Christy Boteler, class instructor. The “Kindermusik” experience enriches and stimulates children’s lives musically, intellectually and socially. The program provides a musical environment capitalizes on each child’s potential to learn and helps parents spend time with their children through activities such as instrumental exploration, vocal play, movement and story time. The classes also give the parents a

chance to take the lead while playing, dancing, listening and singing with their children. “‘Kindermusik’ was a new experience for my son and I,” said Daisy Jones, class participant. “We enjoy it thoroughly. It gave us a chance to connect during our busy week. “I recommend this class to all parents, especially those that work and have kids in daycare — it provides the opportunity to stop and spend some quality time with your child, as well as teach them in a fun way,” Jones said. Along with the weekly meetings, parents and children can make use of “home materials” to reinforce what is learned in class. The class costs \$120 and is held Tuesdays at the youth center. Payment options are also available. For more information call Boteler at 434-5849 or the youth center at Ext. 2503.

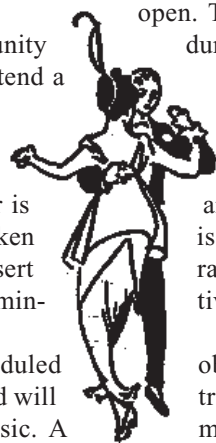
Air Force Ball: Wing recalls service’s ‘beginnings,’ honors service’s birth in ‘40s style

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The Air Force Ball at Columbus AFB is at 6 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Columbus Club. The theme for this year’s Air Force Ball is “Back to the Beginnings,” ‘40s style, with World War II decorations. “The Air Force Ball recognizes the significant contributions our dedicated men and women have made to the nation,” said Col. Stephen Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. “The BLAZE team has played a major role in our 55 years of Air Force heritage. The ball is a major community event, and I know it will be a fun and exciting night for all to remember.” The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, commander of space and missiles center at Los Angeles AFB, Calif. Arnold is responsible for managing the research, design, development and acquisition of space launch,

command and control, and satellite systems. “The Air Force Ball is an excellent opportunity for military personnel to revisit their roots, attend a formal function and get in touch with current events with the speaker,” said 1st Lt. Kevin Davidson, project officer. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. A choice of stuffed chicken breast or roast pork is offered. Once dessert starts, the guest speaker will talk for about 20 minutes. Then the dancing will begin, which is scheduled to go on until midnight. An Army Reserve band will be playing big band, swing and modern music. A swing instructor will be on hand once the dance floor opens. Professional photography is also available for those who wish to use it. The child development center and the youth center are

open. The prices are the same that are usually offered during non-duty hours. “Sign up early because spots will go quickly,” Davidson warned. Prices for tickets are \$22 for officers and senior NCOs and \$15 for technical sergeants and below. The Company Grade Officer Council is supplementing the money for the lower enlisted ranks. Tickets include the meal and a commemorative glass. “I am attending the ball because it’s a way to observe the Air Force birthday and with the tragedy of Sept. 11, this month has a whole new meaning to me,” said Master Sgt. Annie Cousins, 14th Communications Squadron. “This is a way to put things in perspective from where we’ve been, where we are now and where we will be in the future.” The deadline to purchase tickets is noon Sept. 13. For more information, contact your squadron representative.



Military pay information available at fingertips

Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Information Service

WASHINGTON — Anything a person ever wanted to know about military pay but didn’t know who to ask is now available with a couple of mouse clicks. The Office of the Secretary of Defense has a military compensation Web site. “This Website is a great avenue for members to get general information on military pay and allowances, the various retirement plans, survivor benefits and the Thrift Savings Plan,” said Capt. Kristin Shapleigh, 14th Comptroller Flight. “It explains all the areas that make up our military compensation — not just the pay we are getting now, but also how our retirement works.” The site explains the differences between pay and allowances and describes the intended purpose for the various allowances. For instance, the basic allowance for subsistence is designed to offset the costs of a member’s meals, but is “not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members.” A separate basic-allowance-for-housing primer available on the site explains the ins and outs of BAH, including how it is computed and why rates can differ

so much from one location to another. A link to the “Regular Military Compensation Calculator” can give servicemembers a glimpse of how their pay and tax-free allowances stack up against civilian pay. For instance, an E-6 with eight years of service living in the D.C. area with a spouse and two kids would have to earn more than \$51,000 to take home the same amount after state and federal taxes are deducted. Active-duty members approaching their 15th year of service might find the retirement choice calculator particularly helpful. Members who entered active service after July 31, 1986, have to choose at 15 years whether they will opt for the “high-three” or “redux” retirement plans. Both have positive and negative points, and servicemembers need to choose based on their personal situation. A calculator on this site allows you to input personal data and then gives you charts to show how much each option would provide you over a 40-year period. Other sections on this site fully explain survivor benefits and the Thrift Savings Plan. People can visit the Web site at militarypay.dtic.mil/pay/index.html.

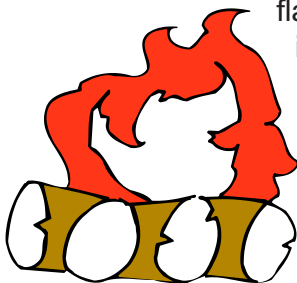
NEWCOMERS

Columbus AFB welcomes its newest military people listed by rank, name, gaining unit, previous assignment and hometown. Civilians are listed by name and gaining unit. The newcomers are: **Lt. Col. John Chandler**, 48th Flying Training Squadron, Dal Molin Vincenza, Italy, Anderson, S.C.; **Capt. Aaron Hartzler**, 37th FTS, Andrews AFB, Md., Rittman, Ohio; **Capt. Oliver Erickson**, 50th FTS, Lakenheath AFB, England, Garland, Texas; **Capt. Stephen James**, 50th FTS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, Bee Branch, Ark.; **Capt. Carl Labella**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss., Greenville, Miss.; **Capt. Jon Olekszyk**, 48th FTS, McChord AFB, Wash., Warren, Mich.; **Capt. John Pringle**, 14th Operation Support Squadron, Sumter, S.C.; **1st Lt. Kendra Jackson**, 14th MDOS, Dyess AFB, Texas, Chicago, Il.; **2nd Lt. Robert Bittner**, 14th OSS, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., Red Oak, N.C.; **2nd Lt. David Caswell**, 14th OSS, USAFA, Rochester, N.Y.; **2nd Lt. Clark Clayton**, 14th OSS, USAFA, Cullowhee, N.C.; **2nd Lt. Thomas Haas**, 14th Mission Support Squadron, USAFA, San Diego, Calif.; **2nd Lt. Robert Hansel**, 50th FTS, USAFA, Anamosa, Iowa; **2nd Lt. Lauren McGrath**, 14th Communications Squadron, State College, Pa.; **2nd Lt. Aaron Mitchell**, 14th CS, Kingston, Tenn.; **2nd Lt. Scott**

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No open flames, burning on Columbus AFB allowed

In accordance with Columbus AFB Instruction 32-2001, no open flames or burning on Columbus AFB, to include aircraft parking areas, are allowed unless authorized by Ricky Allen, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief. Units requiring some type of special cooking or barbecuing need must request permission in writing to Allen at the fire department, Bldg. 830. Call Ext. 2269.



Sept. 11 offers opportunity for solemn commemoration

Gen. Don Cook
AETC commander



September 11 is forever and indelibly imprinted on the national psyche as a day when the enemies of freedom attacked our country killing thousands of our citizens and changing our world forever. As we approach the one-year observance of that tragic and horrific day, preparations throughout our great nation are underway to honor the memory of those innocent people who died and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom and justice. Memorial services and observances will be held in our nation’s capital, in our great cities and in our small towns. Americans will come together on college campuses; in our high schools, middle schools, and grade schools; in our churches, synagogues and mosques; on our military installations; and at our national monuments. They will come together to grieve and pay homage to

those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. There also will be gatherings that will focus on the perpetrators of these terrible terrorist acts. These gatherings may concentrate on symbolic acts to purge the evil wrought against our country. Although such demonstrations may be permissible under the laws of the land, they have the potential of inadvertently degenerating into demonstrations against particular ethnic groups and religious followers. Our desire, responsibility, and I dare say our need to memorialize those who died on Sept. 11 can take many forms, but participating in any demonstration that maligns a particular ethnic group or religion, that sensationalizes acts of vengeance and attempts to precipitate unconstructive hate and violence only denigrates the memory of those who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom. Our nation was built on tolerance and justice for all. On this solemn anniversary, let each of us build on that noble and strong foundation by showing our respect and reverence for our fellow citizens, citizens from around the world, and servicemen and women who fell under the blade of hatred, and before the enemies of freedom. Let us not stoop to the level of our enemies by burning flags and

effigies or otherwise fanning the fires of hatred. We, the American people, and we the members of the United States Air Force hold ourselves to higher standards. Let our actions on Sept. 11 tell the world who we are and what we stand for: Freedom, justice and equality for all. In the past 12 months, the resolve of the American people has risen from the ashes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. We are more determined than ever to wipe terrorism from the face of the earth, because we cannot forget the images of that day. The men and women of Air Education and Training Command are fully engaged in that battle. Many of our people have and will continue to deploy to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. And every day, we recruit, train and educate the finest men and women our nation has to offer to sustain the combat capabilities of the mightiest Air Force in the world. We will most appropriately honor those who died on Sept. 11 by our noble service to the nation and its people. We will also honor those courageous Americans who have died in combat fighting for freedom. We will most suitably remember them on the first anniversary of the attack by our reverence and solemn vigilance to persevere in this fight.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Approved water times, duration for base housing

Issue: I’m concerned about people overwatering their lawns in the housing areas.

Response: Approved watering times and duration is covered in the Columbus AFB Pamphlet 32-6002, Family Housing Brochure. The brochure states that “normal schedule for watering during hot and dry months is even-numbered units on even days and odd-numbered units on odd days” and “the approved times for watering is from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. for about an hour.” The dry conditions and new sod in the new houses have required

additional diligence on the part of our occupants to keep grass alive, and some laxity in the enforcement of the approved guidance was allowed to ensure the proper growth of the new landscaping. Nonetheless, as the recent article in the *Silver Wings* noted, water conservation is a concern that we should all be sensitive of. When the housing office got your call, they made a site visit to the residence and confirmed the appearance of overwatering. Since the occupants were not at home, follow-up visits were made later in the week that indicated the occupant had changed their watering pattern. The hous-

ing office will conduct additional inspections and will give warning notices to violators and request that all commanders assist in getting this information to our residents. We applaud the intent of the occupants for their efforts in maintaining the new yards and wish to encourage all occupants in their efforts to maintain and improve our housing. However, occupants should comply with the information in the housing brochure that covers rules for living in government housing. Thank you for your concern for the environment and our base and for using our Straight Talk program.

Col. Stephen Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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SECAF reviews first year of war on terrorism

WASHINGTON — “Looking back at what we’ve achieved over the past 11 months, we can all be proud to call ourselves airmen.” That was the bottom line of Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche’s speech at the Tuskegee Airmen’s 31st Annual National Convention recently in Atlanta. “Often, our legacy is driven by events beyond our control, by circumstances we didn’t create,” he said. “That situation exists now and is one we all face, military and civilian: the war on terrorism. “We all know how our nation changed on Sept. 11,” he said. “The attack tested our mettle as few events will in our lifetime. In all, [more than] 3,000 innocent people were murdered on that tragic September morning.” While firefighters successfully battled the blazes caused by the attacks, Roche said the real fire was just beginning. “They were replaced with another fire that burned in every American, and in freedom-loving people around the world — a fierce determination to root out and defeat the evil behind these attacks.”

Following a recall of personnel to active duty, activation of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and Stop-Loss action, the deployment to expeditionary bases began, the secretary said. “When all the pieces were in place, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines returned fire,” he said. “We returned fire with conviction. We returned fire with tenacity. And we returned fire knowing the security of our nation and the lives of our citizens depended on the success of men and women wearing the uniform.” According to the secretary, America’s report card for the war on terrorism contains the following:

- The construction and maintenance of a coalition of 90 nations, with 18 countries engaged in Afghanistan.
- Al-Qaida is on the run around the world.
- The Taliban were driven from power in Afghanistan.
- Afghanistan is no longer a base for global terrorist operations.
- Beatings by religious police and public executions have stopped.
- The subjugation of women and little girls in Afghanistan is over.
- More than 2.5 million humanitarian rations have been delivered.
- International aid workers are no longer held hostage.

“We fought and won the first phase of this campaign as a joint team,” Roche said. “Every man and woman, military and civilian, active, Guard and Reservist, can be proud of the substantial Air Force contribution to those successes. And the effort continues.” *(Courtesy of AF News)*

9-11 stirs patriotism in all Americans

Lt. Col. John Parks
14th Medical Support Squadron



Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001? What were you doing when the terrorists flew commercial airplanes into the New York skyline and the Pentagon, killing hundreds of innocent people? How many times have you been asked those or similar questions or even asked them yourself throughout the past year? Yes, it is hard to believe that one year has passed since that frightful day. When I look back over the last 12 months, however, I am quickly reminded of the actions of so many people that make me proudly stand up and say that I am an American. Before the sun set on Sept. 11 we were already witnessing the heroic actions of many — firefighters, police officers, military members and civilians. We observed firsthand that great American spirit that up until that day, some people had even questioned its existence, much less its magnitude. This unmatched spirit and highly visible expression of patriotism throughout the country was re-ignited on Sept. 11 and has not taken even a single day of rest during the past year. The flame shines brightly. People from all over the country continue to help those who were either directly or indirectly affected by the terrorist acts on that day — donations pour in, volunteers continue to generously give of their time and services and prayers are without end. The men and women of the Armed Services have equally met the challenge.

Recent wing blood drive best ever

Columbus AFB held a Base blood drive with the help of Mississippi Blood Services and the education center Aug. 30. The turnout at this Columbus AFB and Mississippi Blood Services blood drive was the best Columbus AFB has ever seen. There were 140 individuals who signed in and 85 units were collected. The credit for the increased turnout is due in large part to the squadron points of contact, all of which did exceptional jobs in marketing and advertising the blood drive. The Wing Commander’s Gift of Life Traveling Trophy will be presented to Maj. Cephas Franklin, 14th Communications Squadron commander. The 14th CS had a 31-percent donor rate with the help of the 14th CS’s point of contact, Christy Milner. Some of the other top squadrons were 14th Mission Support Squadron with 24 percent

Long before the first Combat Air Patrol was flown over Washington, D.C., and the first bombs were dropped over Afghanistan, the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force were prepared to respond. Whether we are defending our homeland on our own doorstep or abroad, we will always be ready. We will be ready because we believe in democracy and the freedoms that have made us a great nation, and when we have to fight, we fight to win. The American spirit was never dim. I believe it was poorly contrasted by the tremendous degree of comfort and security under which Americans were basking. It took a horrendous tragedy like Sept. 11 to realize the flame’s true brightness. This is much like a few other significant events in American history — the Challenger explosion, President Kennedy’s assassination and the attack on Pearl Harbor. And like these events, the images of Sept. 11 will remain with us until we die; however, it is the impact of that day on our lives and culture that may likely endure for several generations. It does not matter if the challenge is to develop new technologies, forge a government stronger than any one individual, or defend our great nation, as we are today, Americans will rise to the occasion. Regardless of where I was on that frightful day, I am thankful that I am an American. I am thankful that I wear the Air Force uniform. And I am thankful that I am at Columbus AFB, serving my country by contributing to the best of my abilities in sustaining Columbus as Air Education and Training Command’s premier base for producing the best pilots in the world. BLAZE on.

and 14th Contracting Squadron with 21 percent. One of the big disappointments was the number of deferrals. There were 48 people deferred due to some of the new questions that went into affect on June 1. The two big questions that got most of the donors deferred were: 1. Since 1980, have you lived in or traveled to Europe? If yes: From 1980 through 1996, did you spend time that adds up to three months or more in the United Kingdom? If no: Since 1980, have you received a transfusion of blood, platelets, plasma, cryoprecipitate or granulocytes in the U.K.? 2. From 1980 through 1996, were you a member of the U.S. military, a civilian military employee or a dependent of a member of the U.S. military? If yes: Did you spend a total time

1st Lt. Jimmey Labit
Base blood program officer

Make most of day with time management tips

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

Running errands here, a meeting there, sometimes it seems as if there aren’t enough hours in a day. The problem is, time doesn’t play favorites — everyone gets only 24 hours.

Fortunately, the family support center has programs to help people make the most of the time you have. One such program is the time management class. Participants learn to identify goals and priorities, avoid time wasters and how to effectively plan their time around the way they work.

“Basically, this class reiterates things we already know,” said Lee Chouinard, family support center family and work life consultant. “You have to take time to make time, by planning.

Time management is organizing what you have to do in the most effective manner.

“One good way to save time is to plan your trip out of the office to get the most done,” Chouinard said. “Plan on

going to do all your errands at once, instead of going out at eight and having to be back for a meeting at 8:30, then go out again — you might leave after your meeting and go to all the places you need to do business.”

The class learned about internal and external time wasters and how to handle them.

“An external time waster is something that you have no control over, like the phone ringing or someone hovering over your desk,” Chouinard said. “An internal time waster is when someone procrastinates, spending a lot of time reading ‘fun’ emails is an example.”

Schedule time to schedule time, recommends Chouinard. For example take a goal, then figure out all the steps necessary to accomplish that goal. Finally, set up a timetable to complete each step. All that’s left is to complete the steps.

“Bad time management usually leads to bad stress management,” Chouinard said.



“When you’re scheduling your time you need to make time for yourself and your family. A lot of the time we tend to focus more on work, but if you don’t make time for yourself and family your stress levels will increase.”

“I expected the class to be a good refresher for what I thought I knew to be good time management techniques and I wanted to see what new things I could learn,” said Master Sgt. Tom Finan, 14th Operations Group.

“It’s definitely been beneficial for me, [Chouinard] pointed out some simple things to do when you’re waiting in line or at the doctor’s office. I also liked her suggestion on trying relaxation techniques while waiting in the car. I had never thought about that before.”

“We have as much time as everyone else, 24 hours in a day,” Chouinard said. “It’s how we choose to use it that makes a difference.”

For information about time management and the next class, call Chouinard at Ext. 2790.



1st Lt. Gregory Collister
Canton, Ohio
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Jeffrey Guttman
Beavercreek, Ohio
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



1st Lt. Travis Hazeltine
Troy, Idaho
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Steven Bear
Potts Camp, Miss.
To be determined



2nd Lt. Jeff Burley
North Canton, Ohio
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Sean Callahan
Amarillo, Texas
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Daniel Hoak
Hamburg, N.Y.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Bryan Jandorf Jr.
Appleton, Wis.
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Eric Jouret
Huntington Beach, Calif.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. John Poole
Brenham, Texas
C-130, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Reich
Midlothian, Va.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



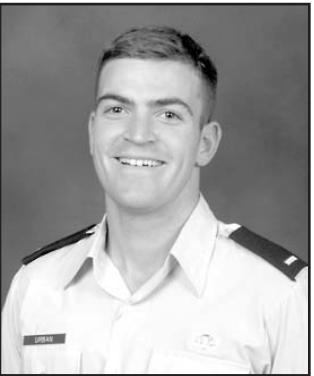
2nd Lt. John Rosner
Colorado Springs, Colo.
E-3, Tinker AFB, OK



2nd Lt. Gregory Somborn
Farmington Hills, Mich.
KC-135, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Richard Swengros Jr.
Stafford, Va.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Brian Urban
Buffalo, N.Y.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Joseph Wall
Cocoa Beach, Fla.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Timothy White
St. Charles, Mo.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Brandon Zuercher
Shoreview, Minn.
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

SUPT Class 02-14 earns silver wings

Twenty-seven officers have survived a year of training and have earned the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Col. Thomas Stickford, Air Mobility Command inspector general at Scott AFB, Ill.

Stickford's staff experience includes positions as a KC-135 and KC-10 program element monitor and programmer and chief of the Global Mobility Division office of the deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, both at Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. Travis Hazeltine and 2nd Lt. Jeremy Reich received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

Hazeltine and Reich also received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying average in their flights.

Hazeltine received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic averages in his flight.

First Lt. Gregory Collister and 2nd Lt. Joseph Wall received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Sean Callahan and Brandon Zuercher. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.



Hazeltine, Reich and 2nd Lt. Timothy White were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a three-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours. After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



1st Lt. Dan Kunkel
Mapleton, Minn.
B-1, Dyess AFB, Texas



1st Lt. Ryan Pham
Murphy, Texas
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



1st Lt. Joline Tardiff
Milo, Maine
KC-135, Bangor, Maine (ANG)



2nd Lt. Ryan Carville
Plaquemine, La.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Kirby Chacon
Logan, N.M.
F-16, Kirtland AFB, N.M. (ANG)



2nd Lt. John Fowler Jr.
Alabaster, Ala.
C-9, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Matthew Kiser
 Fargo, N.D.
F-16, Fargo, N.D. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Benjamin Kline
Taylor, Mich.
To be determined



2nd Lt. Ryan Miksell
Lakeland, Fla.
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study sup-
per
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or
other services, call the chapel at Ext.
2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m.,
unless otherwise noted, at the base the-
ater.

Today
“Country Bears” (G, 88 min.)
Starring: Haley Joel Osment and
Christopher Walken.

Saturday
“Stuart Little 2” (PG, brief mild lan-
guage, 70 min.)
Starring: Geena Davis and Hugh
Laurie.

Sept. 13
“Austin Powers: Goldmember”
(PG-13, sexual innuendo, 123 min.)
Starring: Michael Myers and
Michael Caine.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements
for people living in base housing or the
dormitories.
Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more
information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through Sept. 13
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program:
“Introduction to Management”

FAMILY
SUPPORT

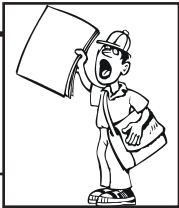


(Editor’s note: All activities are offered
at the family support center unless other-
wise specified. For more information, call
Ext. 2790.)

Sponsor training: This training is now
available on the Columbus AFB Web site.
The power point slide has a printable com-
pletion certificate that can be added to
training records. Call Ext. 2790.

Free child care: Arriving and departing
active-duty Air Force people can receive
up to 20 hours of free child care per child.

BASE
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English as a second language: This
class is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays
and Wednesdays at the education center.
The class is for those to whom English is
not the primary language and is open to
anyone with access to Columbus AFB.
Call Ext. 2562 or 2572.

Chapel meeting: An informational
meeting for Jewish people is at 1 p.m.
Sunday in the chapel annex. Rabbi Mark
Peilen from Congregation B’nai Israel in
Columbus gives a presentation describing
worship, educational and social events the
congregation offers throughout the year.
Call Ext. 2500.

ESC social: The next enlisted spouses
club social is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Monday at the community center. Guest
speaker is Linda Dodson, library director.
Cost is free and new arrivals to Columbus
AFB are welcome. Call 434-8823.

Case lot sale: The commissary partici-
pates in the “World’s Biggest Case Lot
Sale” from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 20 and
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 21. Call Ext.
7109.

Motorcyclist group: People interested
in group riding can call 434-6993.

Office supply customers: People look-
ing for a special piece of equipment or fur-
niture for their office can call the inspec-
tion section of base supply. Inspection



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

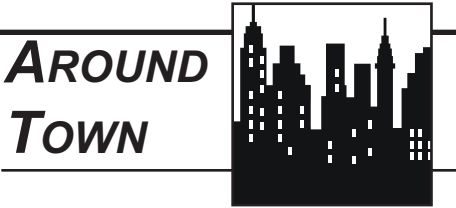
Civilian personnel

**Katie Nichols (right), 14th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel
human resource assistant, explains the civilian personnel job kit to Deatrice
Jackson, civilian personnel specialist. People desiring a civil service posi-
tion can review the kit in the office. Call Ext. 2647.**

maintains the last look area, which has
used equipment from other organizations
available without charge. Call Ext. 7233.

Do-it-yourself moves: A temporary
duty do-it-yourself move is a move from
the original permanent duty station to a
TDY location and return to original sta-
tion. It is not a TDY enroute in conjunc-
tion with a permanent change-of-station
move. Local units are responsible for
authorizing and appropriating funding for
people wanting to do a TDY do-it-yourself
move.

In accordance with AFI 24-501, The Air
Force Do-It-Yourself Move program, peo-
ple must receive a briefing from the traffic
management office prior to entering into a
DITY move in order to eliminate “after the
fact” situations. Call Ext. 2688 or 2573.



Rummage sale: Boy Scout Troop 3
holds this sale from 6 a.m. to noon Saturday
at its Scout Hut next to the Farmers’ Market
in Columbus. Call 434-2954.

Remembrance service: A remem-
brance service begins at 8:46 a.m. in
Columbus. Sirens alarm at that time, fol-
lowed by a minute of silence, church

bells and a T-38 fly-by. The Trotter
Convention Center is open from 8 a.m.
to 8 p.m. for people desiring to light a
candle in the center.

Twilight Thursdays: Many Main Street
Columbus businesses extend their normal
hours to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more informa-
tion, visit www.columbusmainstreet.com.

Columbus fair: The Columbus Fair
featuring the James Gang Carnival mid-
way is Tuesday to Sept. 14 at the
Columbus fairgrounds on Hwy. 69 South.
Gates open at 5 p.m. each evening except
for the 8 a.m. opening on Saturday.
General admission is \$1.

Roast and boast: The 2002 “Roast-n-
Boast Barbecue” is Sept. 20 and 21 at the
Columbus fairgrounds. Gates are open
from 5 p.m. to midnight Sept. 20 and 9 a.m.
to midnight Sept. 21. Admission is \$5.

Mid-south fair: This fair is from 10
a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 20 to 29 at the Mid-
South fairgrounds in Memphis, Tenn.
Admission for everyone ages 4 and older
is \$3 Sept. 20. After then, admission is \$5
for people over 4 feet tall and \$3 for peo-
ple under 4 feet tall. Those ages 3 and
younger are free.

Wristbands are available for \$15 plus
admission. Wristband times are from 10
a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and 23 and from
noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 24, 25, 26 and 29.
Call (901) 274-8800.

Services: Check
out what we offer

▶ **All-ranks bingo:** Come out
and play bingo at 5:30 p.m.
at the community center
every Friday. There are two \$25 games,
two \$50 regular games and one \$500
progressive jackpot with a consolation
prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in
54 numbers or less.

Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card for the
\$25 games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for
the \$50 games and \$1 for a single card
for the jackpot game. Must be a services
card holder to play. Call Ext. 2489.

▶ **Enlisted lounge entertain-
ment:** Disc jockey Kool
Kleve entertains from 9 p.m.
to 1 a.m. today.

▶ **Sunday brunch:** The
Columbus Club serves an all-
ranks brunch from 10 a.m. to
1 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10.95 for mem-
bers and \$13.95 for nonmembers. Call
Ext. 2489.

▶ **Professional football games:**
The information, ticket and
travel office offers two trips to
New Orleans, La.

The first trip is Sept. 14 and 15 to
watch the Green Bay Packers play the
New Orleans Saints. Deadline to register
is today.

The next trip is Oct. 5 to 6 to watch the
Pittsburgh Steelers against the New
Orleans Saints. Deadline to register is
Sept. 27.

Cost for each trip is \$110 per person
and includes transportation, lodging (dou-
ble occupancy), tickets to the game and
shuttle service. A \$50 deposit is required
at registration.

Call Ext. 7858.

▶ **Southern night:** The
Columbus Club’s Tuesday
night buffet features Southern
cuisine and is served from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Price is \$7.95 for club members and
\$10.95 for nonmembers.

Call Ext. 2489.

▶ **Parents night out:** The child
development center and
youth center offer a parents
night out from 4 to 10 p.m. Sept. 21. Cost
is \$2.50 per hour per child. Make reserva-
tions by Sept. 18. Call the child develop-
ment center at Ext. 2478 or the youth cen-
ter at Ext. 2504.

The “Give Parents a Break” program is

open to ages 6 weeks to 12 years and is
offered at the same time of the parents
night out. Obtain a voucher from the fam-
ily support center. Call Ext. 2790.

▶ **Crafts classes:** The skills
development center crafts
classes for adults include
making a pumpkin or ghost wooden
lanterns, Otis the Scarecrow or LeRoy the
Wooden Scarecrow.

Youth classes include making all types
of Jack O’Lanterns such as votive candle
holders, a basket or candy dish. Visit the
center to see their display.

Call Ext. 7836.

▶ **Preschool story time:** The
base library’s preschool sto-
rytime begins at 10 a.m.

Wednesday. This 30-minute program is
open to ages 3 to 5 and meets each
Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Call Ext. 2934.

▶ **Retirees special:** Retirees
can use their commissary
or base exchange receipt
to receive a free small drink with the
purchase of any food order at the
bowling center.

Receipt must be dated the same
day as you receive your free soda.
Call Ext. 2426.

▶ **Worldwide Family Talent
Contest:** The contest is Nov.
2 at the youth center. There

are 11 categories available, covering
ages 3 to 18 year olds, solo or in groups
as well as two-person teams and a fami-
ly category including a husband and
wife with a minimum of one child or
one parent with two children.

All types of music and acts are autho-
rized but are checked to ensure the
material is suitable for family audiences.

Register by Oct. 12 at the youth cen-
ter. Call Ext. 2504.

▶ **Family child care pro-
gram:** Anyone interested
in becoming a family
child care provider should contact
the family child care office at Ext.
2486.

If a person provides care for 10 or
more hours a week for one or more
children, he or she must obtain a
license through the family child care
office.

Call the family child care office at
Ext. 2479.



Rachel Kasic

Boating safety first!

**Jimmie Parker, outdoor recreation specialist, gives a briefing to 2nd Lts. Blair Allen and
Aaron Saul, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-06, who checked out the
pontoon boat from outdoor recreation for a trip to the Ross Barnett Reservoir, Miss.**

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers
Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Cube Steak
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Baked Ham
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday
Cube Steak
Beef Stir Fry
Banana Pudding

Wednesday
Pulled Pork
Ribs
Apple Cobbler

Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie
Lasagna
Apple Crisptos



MUMFORD MANOR MURDER
MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Columbus Club
Prime Rib Buffet served from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Show starts at 8 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person
Call Ext. 2489 for more information

Football fans get glimpse of military sacrifices

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Throughout the upcoming season, American football fans will get a glimpse of the sacrifices the men and women of the armed forces make.

The National Football League is sponsoring “American Postcards,” a series of profiles to be broadcast during regular and post-season games.

“About 120 million people watch an NFL game each weekend,” said Allison Barber, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

“Our goal is to allow men and women across America to be able to feel a connec-

tion to our military members,” Barber said.

Barber said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue came up with the idea in early August.

“What they had in mind was just regular stories of military folks who had written letters home, or who have e-mailed or who have found unique ways to communicate with their families,” she said.

NFL Films chose stories from sugges-tions from the Defense Department and the services — including two stories featured on www.DefendAmerica.gov.

The spots begin airing Thursday during the New York Giants vs. the San Francisco 49er’s game on ESPN. The spots will also

run during NFL games broadcast on CBS, Fox and ABC.

NFL Films traveled to Afghanistan to speak with servicemembers and to state-side hometowns to speak with family members and friends.

One spot features Airman Amy Ting. On Sept. 11 last year, she was a civilian and in the Marriott Hotel across the street from the World Trade Center.

She enlisted the week following the attack. The NFL crew filmed Ting on duty at Dover AFB, Del.

There are other spots featuring members of the Army and Marines.

Plans are for future spots to feature ser-

vicemembers based in the Persian Gulf, aboard ship and across the United States.

“In the midst of a football game, we want people to pause and recognize that every minute of every day, someone is defending our country,” Barber said.

She said a secondary DOD goal is for people to become excited about the mili-tary. “It’s not a recruiting campaign in any way,” she said. “But it is an education campaign.”

Barber said the NFL is just the latest in a long list of organizations that have contact-ed the Defense Department looking for ways to support the men and women of the military.

SHORTS

Upcoming intramural sports

Intramural sports are starting up with a new sports season. Flag football starts Monday and darts and volleyball start Oct.1. For more information, contact the squadron’s sports representative.

Soccer coaches training

Training is from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 11. Coaches may pick either day to attend. Call Ext. 2504.

Adult Golf 101

People interested in learning the fundamentals of golf can sign up for Adult Golf 101 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Lessons begin at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This two-week program is from Sept. 16 through Sept. 27.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes use of rental clubs, booklets on the “Easy Way to Learn Golf Rules” and “Easy Way to Learn Golf,” a ditty bag, golf balls, hat and towel.

The class is limited to the first 24 paid registrants, and deadline to enter is today. Call Ext. 7932.

No tap bowling with a spin

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament Sept. 20. Sign-up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$7.50. Prizes offered are a DVD player, Palm Pilot and more.Players hit a red pin to spin the wheel to win a prize. Every game, randomly selected individuals will be challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins.

Air Force birthday fun run

A patriotic three-mile run in honor of the Air Force’s 55th birthday is at 8 a.m. Sept. 20. The fitness and sports center offers special prizes.

The squadron with the most participants earns 10 percent off any rental over \$10 from outdoor recre-ation, redeemable for only one month, for all mem-bers of the squadron. Call Ext. 2772.

Soccer opening ceremony

The winter soccer season opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m. Sept. 30 on the adult softball fields. Call Ext. 2504.

Women’s basketball

The Columbus AFB Women’s Basketball Team is looking for women with basketball experience and a desire to play at a competitive level on the weekends starting Oct. 12 through Feb. 17, 2003.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Lauren Maher at Ext. 2781.

Ultra 3-Lady Scramble

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is filling the fields with 108 lady golfers Oct. 19 for its first ultra three-lady scramble.

Entry is \$120 per team and includes 18-holes of golf, a cart, dinner following tournament, ditty bag and more. Tournament is limited to the first 36 teams that have registered and paid.

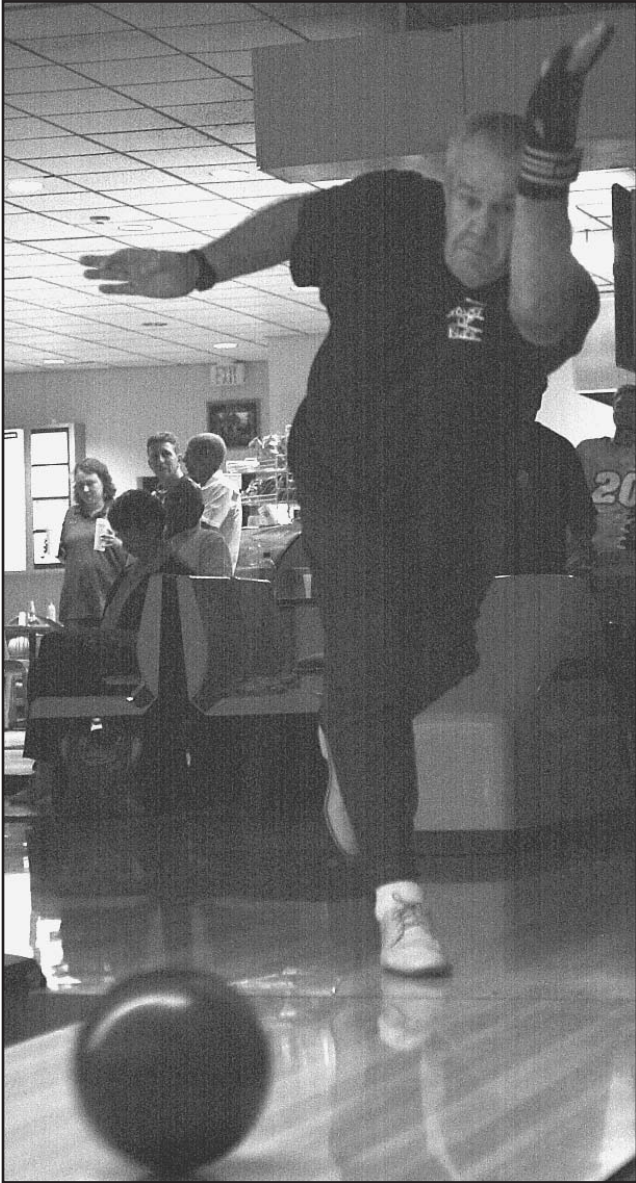
Entry forms are available at the golf course. Deadline to enter is Oct. 3. Call Ext. 7932.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment.

Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Strikes are good things!
Michael Mravich, Dam the Creek Team, bowls during the mixed intramural bowling league Tuesday at the bowl-ing center. The season began Tuesday.



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Daniel Beard, 14th CES Team 1, jogs to home plate after hitting a homerun in the playoff game against DynCorp.



Alton Robinson, 14th CES Team 1, swings at the ball during one of the earlier playoff games.



Lt. Col. Michael Hass, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, holds the trophy while the 14th CES Team 1 celebrates winning the double-elimination playoffs Aug. 29 on Ballfield 1.

14th Civil Engineer Squadron brings home playoff trophy

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1 fought a hard battle to take the intramural softball playoffs trophy Aug. 29. The top six teams of the regular season began the double-elimination playoff games Aug. 27.

The 14th CES won the regular season trophy and wanted to win the playoff trophy.

“I just wanted to bring the championship to [the 14th

CES],” said Ozzy Bond, 14th CES coach.

The final playoff night began with the 14th CES team playing DynCorp and beating them 10-0, keeping CES in the winning bracket and sending DynCorp to the losing bracket.

While 14th CES and DynCorp were playing, the 48th Flying Training Squadron Team and the 14th Security Forces Squadron Team 1 played each other in the losing bracket. The 48th FTS won and stayed in the loser bracket to play DynCorp.

The winner of the 48th FTS-DynCorp game would go on to play the undefeated 14th CES. The 48th was determined the winner after a run-ruled game against DynCorp, 11-1.

The 48th FTS already played a double header and were going on to play 14th CES. If 14th CES lost this game, they would have a second chance to redeem themselves.

The game between the 48th FTS and the 14th CES was back and forth. One team would score and the other team would score right back. In the bottom of the seventh, the 14th CES wasn’t able to score enough runs, and the 48th FTS won 13-10.

“Anyone can win,” said Jody Edwards, 48th FTS team. “It’ll be hard to play four straight games.”

The 48th FTS began its fourth game, while the 14th CES started its third. Again the game was back and forth and last-ed until the seventh inning. To stay in the game, the 48th FTS had to make some runs. One player was caught out on first followed by two caught pop flies, winning the game for the 14th CES, 11-9.

“They were dedicated, worked really hard and came to play everyday,” said Lt. Col. Michael Hass, 14th CES com-mander. “That’s why they won.”